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Defining moment for Halifax

Irving's Halifax Shipyard wins one of the largest military procurement contracts in Canadian history ◆ Contract will bring Nova Scotians back from Alberta: CEO ◆ 'I think it's a pivotal day in the history of this province': Premier



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Jim Irving wanted everyone in close for the big reveal.

At a press conference held at Irving's Halifax Shipyard late yesterday, the CEO of Irving Shipbuilding rushed to the microphone and urged hard-hatted workers to come in close. Of course, by that point, Irving already knew his company had won a $25-billion contract to build a fleet of combat vessels under the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy.

"There's a lot of people to be thanked here today," Irving told the crowd of hundreds after the cheers died down.

"First and foremost, all you men and women from the yard, CAW Local 1 ... you did a great job, first class. We couldn't have done it without you.... And just remember this: Our young apprentices, you've got a long career ahead of you right here in the yard."

Those careers could last more than 30 years. The Irving yard successfully beat out competitors in Quebec and British Columbia to take the largest prize of the $35-billion NSPS — a contract Premier Darrell Dexter has likened to hosting the Olympics every year for three decades.

"I'm hoping that this means that we'll get a raise (and) we'll be able to keep our guys here. Not only bring our guys back (from) out west, but keep the guys that are here, here."
GERALD CASEY,
IRVING SHIPBUILDING EMPLOYEE

That's comforting news for Gerald Casey. The 47-year old from Halifax has worked at the shipyard for 31 years already — though during much less stable times.

"The first 20 years here there was no guarantee that you had a job the next day," said Casey. "It could shut down at any minute."

It's an experience that was familiar to Casey's father, who also worked at the yard. But after yesterday's news, perhaps not for his son, who works there now.

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▶ Workers react yesterday in Halifax after the announcement that Halifax Shipyard, owned by Irving Shipbuilding, is getting the $25-billion contract to build 21 Canadian combat ships.

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Shipbuilding strategy sets new standard: MacKay

Defence minister calls independence of decision-making process 'bulletproof' NDP cabinet, opposition MLAs and HRM councillors congregate at Irving Shipbuilding for hotly anticipated announcement

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▶ Jim Irving, CEO of Irving Shipbuilding, chats with Premier Darrell Dexter before the Irving-owned Halifax Shipyard was announced winner of the $25-billion shipbuilding contract.

The National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy has set the bar high for large government contracts in the future, according to Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

MacKay lauded the independent decision-making process that led to the awarding of $33 billion worth of shipbuilding contracts to Irving's Halifax Shipyard and Seaspan Marine Corp. in British Columbia.

"It sets up a process that puts the emphasis on the expertise, the contractors, the builders ... and that encourages entrepreneurship and competitive economy," MacKay said last night.

"That's what carried the day.... We're celebrating a milestone for the Canadian navy today, but tomorrow we're going to get down to work."

MacKay was at pains throughout the process to avoid even the semblance of political interference in the awarding of the contracts, which was ultimately left up to senior bureaucrats. That was tough for the man generally viewed as Nova Scotia's voice around the federal cabinet table.

"It's about having confidence in our shipbuilders to win the day," said MacKay.

"I knew enough about the Irving Shipyard, having worked with them in the past.... And really, the incredible work of our shipbuilders, and the Irving yard in particular, is what did it for Nova Scotia today."

Premier Darrell Dexter was on hand at the shipyard yesterday to share in the announcement with Irving CEO Jim Irving, his colleagues from the legislature and workers from the yard.

"Nova Scotia is Canada's shipbuilders. Ships start here, our future starts here," Dexter told the crowd, referring to the ubiquitous ad campaign undertaken by the province.

"The Irving bid was truly Canada's bid. I want to thank Prime Minister (Stephen) Harper and his cabinet for a merit-based and far-sighted process.... You chose the best company for the job."

1,200
Number of employees currently working at Irving Shipbuilding.

2,700
Number of employees expected to work at Irving Shipbuilding at peak production in 2020.

11,495
Estimated number of direct and indirect jobs created as result of $25-billion contract.

2.6%
Estimated annual bump to Nova Scotia's economic growth.

Reaction

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Megan Leslie
HALIFAX MP
"There's definitely reason to celebrate. I just wish I had thought to bring a bottle of rum to Parliament Hill."

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



Peter Stoffer
SACKVILLE-EASTERN SHORE MP
"I've been arguing for a shipbuilding strategy for 14 years and today we got the announcement, and I can't tell you how personally and professionally pleased I am for the workers, the company, the province and for all of Canada."

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Peter Kelly
MAYOR
"This is indeed a proud moment for our municipality, for our province and for everyone who worked so hard to prove that ships do start here, home to Canada's East Coast navy."

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GREATER HALIFAX PARTNERSHIP PRESIDENT/CEO
"This is the most exciting business day I think I've had — and I've had a few."

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Valerie Payn
HALIFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT/CEO
"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen Nova Scotia's economy."

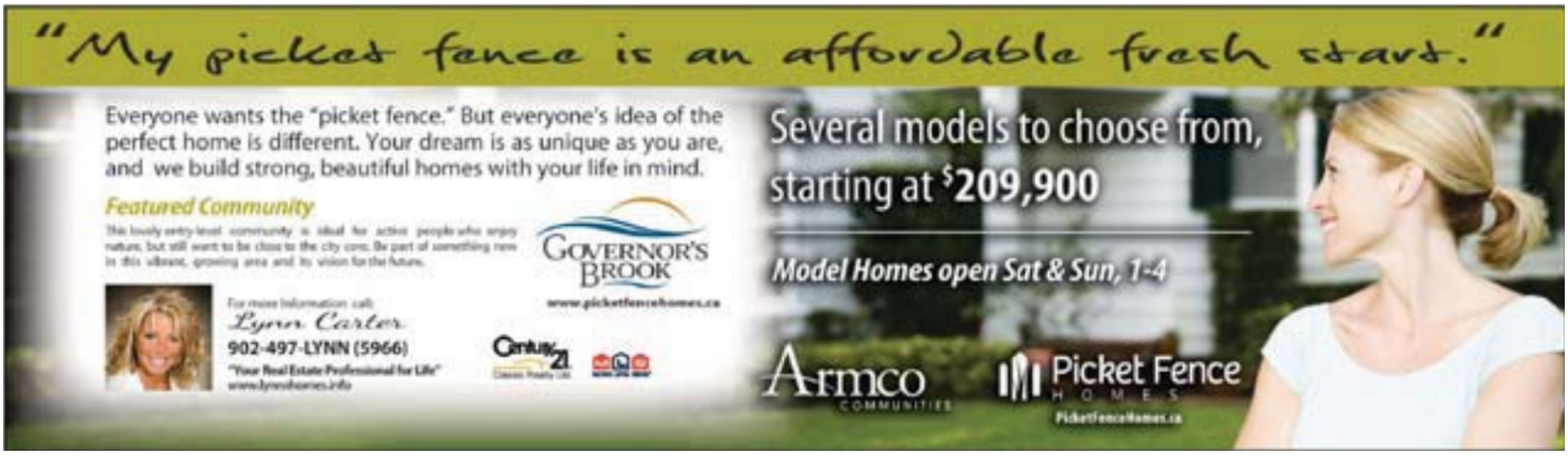
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Economic boom expected

Shipbuilding contract to create 4,000 direct jobs over 30 years



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Halifax scored an economic Super Bowl yesterday — one that will stay in the trophy case for generations.

"This is ... possibly the largest shipbuilding contract ever awarded in the world," said Ellen Farrell, economist and professor at Saint Mary's University.

"It's not only good for Halifax and Nova Scotia, it will extend far beyond into the region."

Subcontracts will mean the shipyard's suppliers will benefit, skilled workers can come home and high school graduates will have more promising career paths.

Halifax's construction industry will see a boom and property values throughout the city will likely increase, Farrell said. But reducing taxes, she added, will be a matter of political will.

Now that the announcement has been made, it will take several months of planning and designing before actual work begins. But once it does, it will be big, said Sackville-Eastern Shore MP Peter Stoffer.

"Once the welds and the rivets start and the machinery gets going, the Irvings will be able to well over another 1,000 direct jobs and thousands more down the road right across the country."

He said this contract has the power to do what the Auto Pact did for Ontario.

"It has the potential to be that significant."

Megan Leslie, NDP MP for the Halifax riding, was jubilant.

"It means a lot for us in terms of long-term stable jobs in our province but it also means a lot for our region and Quebec and Ontario because we can't do this alone," she said.

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▶The Halifax Shipyard, owned by Irving Shipbuilding, is seen in Halifax on Tuesday.

#shipbuildinghangover

Excitement was expressed by many on Twitter after the shipbuilding contract win was announced.

- **@TheRealWineGuy:** Hey Halifax! Is that 25 billion dollars in your pocket or are you just happy to see me? #wereinthemoney
- **@monique_muise:** Dear Rest of Canada: Halifax will be calling in sick tomorrow morning. #shipbuildinghangover
- **@plannedit:** Now that #Halifax is have, I am thinking on what I should buy.....
- **@MattyChisholm:** Really hope to see all of my friends with trades move home from out west in the next few years #halifax #goodjobs #backonhomesoil.
- **@PinchyC:** The Moncton vs Halifax argument is officially settled.
- **@jarrattc:** We got the ships, how about a stadium! #Halifax
- **@APfam:** So, can we get more daycares and bike lanes and buses and maybe a train, now?!? #shipsstarthere #Halifax
- **@ainigmati:** I think I just heard my property value go up. Well, that might have just been my tax assessment... #nsps #Halifax
- **@leeblybrown:** @Halifax finally got something other than Alexander Keiths! #Quebec wants to separate again. #BC are just going to smoke their woes away.
- **@bobbrown46:** I wonder if those idiots will start a Occupy Halifax Shipyard???
- **@CherylLStewart:** Do I dare say this contract will lift all boats! #shipsstarthere #nspoli. This was a real multi sector team effort. A shining example.
- **@WayeMason:** So, we get a $25 bil package that creates 4.5K jobs, which is adequate compensation for when Quebec secedes tomorrow.... #nspoli

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Remembering. Jason

▶ About 100 people came out for last night's annual North Dartmouth March Against Violence. The march, which began on Farrell Street, was started in 2000 to commemorate the life of Jason MacCullough, who was murdered on a path between Joseph Young Street and Pinecrest Drive on Aug. 28, 1999. The case remains unsolved.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

The long march against violence

Still no sign of Amber Kirwan

Divers search for clues to whereabouts of missing woman Police say tips still coming in from public

Divers are expected to return today to the waters of Big Gut Bridge in Pictou Landing to search for a missing Pictou County woman.

Const. Ken MacDonald of New Glasgow police said the divers have been at the bridge since the weekend and will continue looking for clues that lead them to Amber Kirwan, 19.

"They are conducting an underwater search, looking for anything that may be pertinent to the investigation," he said.

Kirwan disappeared from downtown New Glasgow on Oct. 9. She was out with friends that evening at Dooly's bar. She left at about 1:30 a.m. and walked toward Big Al's convenience store to meet her boyfriend, Mason Campbell.



▶ Amber Kirwan

Campbell said that when he and a friend arrived a short time later, she was nowhere to be found.

MacDonald said the investigation is still classified as a missing-person's case and the public is urged not to draw conclusions from the searches.

Police are asking people to report any suspicious activity they may have seen or heard throughout Pictou County on the morning of Oct. 9.

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Help find Amber

Anyone with information about Amber Kirwan's whereabouts is asked to contact police at 1-800-222-8477 or Crime Stoppers at crimestoppers.ns. All tips will remain anonymous.

'Respect for taxpayers' cited in ACOA job cuts

Forty-two jobs are on the chopping block at the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency as a result of budget cuts revealed in June.

In an internal e-mail obtained yesterday by Metro Halifax, Paul J. LeBlanc, ACOA president, said the economic development agency made every attempt to minimize the effect of budget cuts on employees.

"We are an Agency of over 700 employees and as internal processes are streamlined and optimized, positions are being eliminated," LeBlanc wrote.

"As such, 42 positions across the Agency are being cut.... Affected employees were informed this morning of their individual situation and have been made aware of the tools, services and options available to them over the coming weeks."

Bernard Valcourt, the federal minister responsible for ACOA, said the 42 employees will be given 12 months to find another position in the public service, or a buyout tied to years of service.

In a release, Valcourt framed the cuts as an "effort to deliver more value for taxpayers' money."

"This is simply sound management and is now the norm for how the government does business to ensure respect for taxpayers' money."

In June's federal budget, ACOA was told to cut $15.2 million in spending annually, beginning in 2013-14. The measure is part of a $1.6-billion cost-cutting initiative launched by the federal Conservatives and is the culmination of a 2010 "strategic review" of 13 federal departments.

"These changes at ACOA are a reflection of our transformation as an organization and as a public service," LeBlanc wrote. "We are becoming more focused on delivering on the priorities of the government and are modernizing our business."

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Teen boy accused of robbery

A teenage boy faces charges after another boy was threatened with a firearm and robbed. RCMP say the incident took place on Monday near Hants East Rural High School in Milford Station. The 17-year-old suspect was picked up yesterday without incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Few leads in report of gunfire in Preston

Royal Canadian Mounted Police are searching for leads after gunshots were fired in Preston yesterday.

Police responded to the call at about 3:30 in the afternoon.

"We have a possible suspect vehicle — a light gold or silver SUV. But there's no description of the driver or people in the vehicle," said Cpl. Scott MacRae, spokesperson for the RCMP.

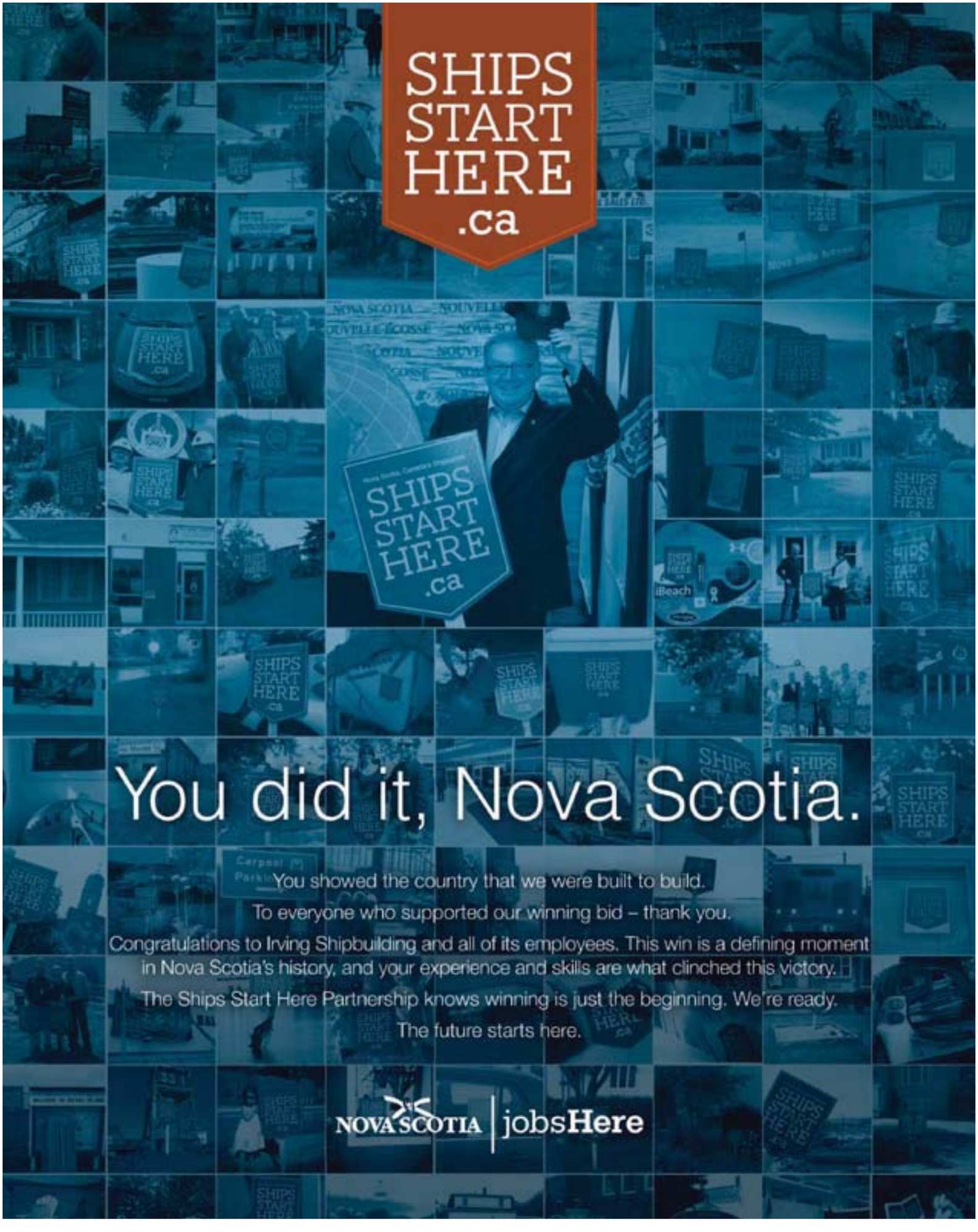
He said investigators have not found bullet cases at the scene or evidence of houses hit by bullets.

There were no injuries reported.

"So basically we're investigating a possible shots fired," MacRae said.

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Officials roll up their sleeves for flu shot

The province is expected to invest between $1.5 to $1.7 million on influenza vaccines Shot available in doctor's offices, public-health clinics

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▶ Health and Wellness Minister Maureen MacDonald gets her flu shot from occupational health nurse Cathie Swimm at the Northwood Centre in Halifax yesterday.

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Health and Wellness Minister Maureen MacDonald and chief public health officer Dr. Robert Strang rolled up their sleeves to set a good example yesterday.

The pair received their flu shot before the media at Northwood Terrace to mark the beginning of this year's flu vaccination campaign.

"Do it for yourself, do it for you loved ones, do it for your neighbours. If you don't get the flu you can't pass it on to someone else," MacDonald said before receiving her vaccination.

Strang said the vaccine protects against three strains of seasonal influenza, including H1N1, and is free for all Nova Scotians.

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▶Dr. Robert Strang.

Certain groups of people have a higher risk of getting the flu and are encouraged to be vaccinated.

Such groups include people over 65, anyone with a chronic health condition, pregnant women, children between six months and five years, aboriginal people and those who are morbidly obese.

Health-care workers and first responders like police and firefighters should also get vaccinated against the flu.

Thirty-eight per cent of Nova Scotians received the vaccine last year.

"It would be great if this year we see more Nova Scotians immunized against seasonal influenza," said MacDonald.

Anyone who suspects they may have the flu should stay at home, Strang recommends.

"You're not doing yourself any favours," he said.

"You're not doing you're co-workers (or) your friends in the mall any favours by going out and exposing them to flu or other viruses."

Impaired-driving numbers released

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▶ Ward Robinson

Sixty-six people were charged with impaired driving last month — including one man who was charged in the death of a 67-year-old man.

Halifax police released its impaired-driving statistics for September yesterday, showing 56 men and 10 women, aged 19 to 60, were charged with impaired driving.

In many of the cases breath samples were taken and the blood-alcohol readings ranged from 0.09 to 0.3.

Most drivers were noted by police on patrol and eight were charged after collisions. Concerned citizens called in 21 cases of impaired drivers.

The most serious incident happened on the last day of the month, when an alleged drunk driver hit a taxi head-on.

The crash happened on Barrington Street under the MacKay Bridge at 9 p.m. on Sept. 30.

The cab's passenger, Ward Robinson, was killed in the crash. The 34-year-old driver of the other car, Drew William MacPherson, is facing 19 charges stemming from the crash.

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ATVs used by Shriners stolen

Three mini ATVs and one bigger ATV that Shriners use in parades were stolen this week.

The vehicles were removed from a container behind the Dartmouth Masonic Centre either Sunday night or Monday morning on Mount Hope Avenue.

"It's very disappointing and we're very unhappy with what happened," said Austin Kerr with the Keystone Kops group within the Shriners.

"It's something we do out of the goodness of our hearts to help the children out."

Each miniature ATV is worth $550 and the large ATV was worth $950. It's quite a hit to a charitable organization.

"We had (paid for them) amongst ourselves because all the money we raise goes towards the children that need it," Kerr said.

The Shriners and Halifax Regional Police are asking the public in hopes someone will help in having these ATVs returned.

Police say each machine is decorated with flags and stickers.

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Pizza stolen, delivery driver punched: Cops

Police say two men assaulted a pizza delivery driver and stole his pizza on Connor Lane in Halifax early Tuesday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say one of the suspects lured the driver away from his car and punched him in the face. During the assault the other suspect took the pizza and ran away.

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Weapons and drug charges laid

A man and woman are facing drug and weapons charges following a raid of a residence outside Halifax on Tuesday.

A 39-year-old man and 30-year-old woman face charges including possession and trafficking and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. Their names have not been released.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Campaign warns of mixing alcohol, drugs

Nova Scotia is launching an advertising campaign warning of the dangers of mixing alcohol with prescription drugs.

The five-month campaign, which begins this week, was announced in May as part of the government's response to a report on drug-related deaths in the Annapolis Valley.

The report by the medical officer of health said that while people are dying from opiate abuse in the Annapolis Valley, the problems are not unique to that region.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald says prevention is a critical part of addressing drug abuse.

The provincewide campaign will include print and TV ads and provide a phone number and website to get help. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The amount the province announced this month it will spend a year to widen a methadone treatment program for drug addicts in the Annapolis Valley.

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Chile. Students revolt



▶ A hooded protester preparing to throw a paint-filled bottle is sprayed by a water cannon in Santiago yesterday. Students manned flaming barricades as they protested against the government's education policies.

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Dogged protesters go on the attack

Frantic hunt after wild animals freed

Police shoot tigers, lions in U.S. game-park emergency

Police shot nearly 50 wild animals — including 18 rare Bengal tigers and 17 lions — in an astonishing big-game hunt yesterday.

It happened after Ohio game park owner Terry Thompson threw open their cages and shot himself to death in what may have been a last act of spite against neighbours and police.

As homeowners nervously hid indoors, officers armed with high-powered rifles and shoot-to-kill orders fanned out through fields and woods to hunt down about 56 animals.

After an all-night hunt, 48 animals were killed.

Three leopards, a grizzly bear and two monkeys were captured.

A wolf was found dead, leaving a monkey as the only animal still loose.

Jack Hanna, TV personality and former zoo director, defended the sheriff's decision to kill the animals, but said the deaths of the Bengal tigers were tragic.

There are only about 1,400 of the endangered cats left in the world, he said.

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▶ Motorists get a warning on I-70 near Zanesville, Ohio, after dozens of wild animals were released.

He'd been jailed

- The preserve's owner, Terry Thompson, had been released from prison just last month after serving a year for gun possession.
- Thompson, 62, had repeated run-ins with the law and his neighbours.

Incoming! Satellite hurtling back to Earth

Look out, Earth.

A retired satellite the size of a minivan is hurtling toward us.

Pieces of it could crash into the Earth as early as tomorrow, experts say — but they're not sure where those pieces may land.

Scientists from the German Aerospace Centre are no longer able to communicate with the dead German satellite ROSAT, which orbits the earth every 90 minutes

Parts of the satellite will burn up during re-entry but up to 30 fragments weighing a total of 1.7 metric tonnes could crash into the Earth sometime between tomorrow and Monday, centre spokesperson Andreas Schuetz said.

Schuetz said countries between 53-degrees north and 53-degrees south could possibly be affected — a vast swath of territory that includes much of the earth outside the poles.

The 2.4 metric ton scientific satellite was launched in 1990 and retired in 1999 after being used for research on black holes and neutron stars and performing the first all-sky survey of X-ray sources with an imaging telescope.

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▶ An artist's drawing of the German satellite ROSAT.

Watch out

- German scientists put the odds of someone being hurt by the satellite at 1-in-2,000.
- The satellite will enter the atmosphere at a speed of 28,000 k/ph.
- A NASA satellite fell into the Pacific last month, causing no damage.

Kangaroo's victim needed 20 stitches

An Australian woman said a giant kangaroo attacked her while she was walking her dogs.

Janet Karson told The West Australian newspaper she tried to stop the 'roo from attacking one dog.

"It reared up in front of me — it was huge," Karson said. "All I can remember is its claws going to work on me and the smell of my own blood.... I thought, 'That's it, I'm finished.'"

The mauling ended, but she needed 20 stitches.

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Creepy-crawlies in his luggage

Swiss officials say they intercepted a man at Zurich airport carrying hundreds of spiders in his luggage.

About 260 Mexican red-kneed tarantulas were packed in plastic bags.

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▶ A plastic bag at Zurich airport holds an unwelcome guest.

Woman attacked by starving pigs

A 71-year-old woman in Macedonia has been hospitalized with serious injuries after being attacked by a herd of hungry pigs on her farm, reports said.

The woman from a village near the city of Bitola was being treated for a broken jaw, a broken left arm, and an injured shinbone.

The woman was attacked by about 50 pigs who had apparently not been fed for days when she went inside the pen to catch a piglet for slaughter.

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Gay. Protest



▶ Members of the Serbian gay community attend a protest in front of the government's headquarters in Belgrade yesterday. The people were upset over an apparent homophobic attack in the capital last week.

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Anger over homophobic attack

Woman's family waits for justice

Shopkeeper no longer faces charge of killing shoplifter

In the two years since Geraldine Beardy was killed after stealing a $1.89 can of lunch meat from a convenience store, her family has waited for someone to be held responsible.

That hope now appears dashed. The Crown has stayed a manslaughter charge against the shopkeeper accused of assaulting her.

"For any group to come in and say that it's OK to beat an aboriginal woman over the head over a can of Klik is not OK," David Harper said yesterday.

Harper is a distant relative of Beardy — she was the daughter of a cousin. Harper is also the grand chief of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, which represents 30 First Nations across northern Manitoba.

Mother of two

- Geraldine Beardy, 29, was a mother of two from the Garden Hill First Nation. She was in the city for medical treatment and was struggling to get by.
- She had fallen in with some of the city's homeless, relatives said at the time, and had gone into a corner store near the Health Sciences Centre to steal some lunch meat for herself and two friends.

Beardy, 29, died in September 2009 from injuries she received outside a convenience store in a tough Winnipeg neighbourhood.

Police said Beardy was hit in the upper body as she left the store. She died five days later in hospital. They charged the store owner, Kwang Soo Kim, with manslaughter.

Kim's preliminary hearing was to start yesterday, but the Crown announced it had to stay the charge because a key witness had fled the country to avoid charges of his own.

The stay gives the Crown up to one year to lay the charge again if the witness returns.

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Top court: Web link is not libel

Ex-Green party campaign manager had launched actions against Google, Myspace.com, Wikipedia

The Supreme Court of Canada has unanimously upheld a lower court's ruling that linking to a website containing libellous material does not in itself constitute libel.

The top court ruled yesterday against Wayne Crookes, a former Green party campaign manager who argued that posting links to sites with defamatory statements was the same as publishing the defamatory material.

The website in question did not reproduce any of the disputed material, nor did it make any comment on it.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court said there is a difference between simply linking to a website and actively encouraging someone to follow a link to a website with defamatory content.

Huge win

There were concerns that a decision siding with Wayne Crookes would have a chilling effect on the web.

"The ruling is a huge win for the Internet," said Michael Geist, a University of Ottawa law professor who holds the Canada research chair in Internet and e-commerce law.

"Making reference to the existence and/or location of content by hyperlink or otherwise, without more, is not publication of that content," the court wrote in its decision.

"Only when a hyperlinker presents content from the hyperlinked material in a way that actually repeats the defamatory content, should that content be considered to be 'published' by the hyperlinker.

"Such an approach promotes expression and respects the realities of the Internet, while creating little or no limitations to a plaintiff's ability to vindicate his or her reputation."

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Top. Guns



▶ Top Guns members, from left, Cam MacQueen, 22, Drew Zimmerman, 24, Bear Johal, 24, and Taylor Love, 23, are seen at the University of Western Ontario yesterday. They came to collect donations and encourage students to start their own chapter of the charity, which raises money in the name of breast cancer.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Raising cash for breast cancer

The Top Guns started their cross-country tour of college campuses in September as part of their effort to raise $135,000. So far, they've raised about $25,000, money that Victoria hospitals will put toward equipment used to treat breast cancer patients. To learn more about the charity, visit topgunscharity.ca.

Free coffee scam surfaces on Facebook

Coffee lovers across North America beware: if someone offers you a free cup of java on Facebook, it's probably too good to be true.

A scam popped up on Facebook over the weekend promising users a free Tim Hortons gift card if they liked a page and shared it with their friends. Users were then asked to provide their email address and other sensitive personal information.

The scam soon branched out to Starbucks fans, with a page purportedly offering free gift cards to celebrate the Seattle coffee giant's 40th anniversary. Thousands of people shared the pages before they were removed by Facebook. Free voucher scams are a standard formula for fraudsters gunning for people's personal information.

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Tourists flock to protest site

MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



▶ Kenneth Nieves, right, and a man who identifies himself as One Love demonstrate at the Occupy Wall Street encampment in Zuccotti Park yesterday in New York.

There's the Empire State Building, the World Trade Centre site and, of course, Times Square. Now many visitors to New York City have added another spot to their list of must-sees — the Occupy Wall Street protest.

Tourists from around the world have become regular visitors at the plaza in Lower Manhattan where protesters have been demonstrating for the past month.

On any given day, visitors can be seen taking photographs of themselves at Zuccotti Park with protesters in the background.

The double-decker buses offering tours of Manhattan pass by on Broadway, with guides pointing out the park site.

On sunny days, tourists often wave sympathetically at protesters from the top decks of the buses.

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Inmate takes guard hostage

An inmate on an escorted day pass in central Alberta is back in custody after kidnapping a guard and dumping her before he drove away.

RCMP say the female corrections officer was taking the inmate back to the Drumheller Institution on Tuesday after he visited his family in Buck Lake.

Police say the inmate faked being sick and overpowered the guard by choking her with his hands and a seatbelt.

He tied her up in the back seat of the van, but eventually dropped her at a rural intersection.

The suspect was arrested at Olds, Alta. Donald Junior Fowler, who is 32, faces numerous charges.

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Fanning. The flames



▶ A protester walks past a bus ticket office set alight during clashes with police forces in central Athens yesterday. Greek anger over new austerity measures and layoffs erupted into violence, as demonstrators hurled chunks of marble and gasoline bombs and riot police responded with tear gas and stun grenades that echoed across Athens' main square.

LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Austerity bill gets first vote, aggravating riots on city streets

Greek lawmakers have granted initial approval to a new austerity bill with a 154-141 vote late yesterday. A second vote on the bill's articles will be held today in the 300-member Parliament. Only after that vote will the bill have passed. Before the vote, riots broke out in central Athens during a demonstration by about 100,000 people on the first of a two-day general strike to protest the bill. The measures include new tax hikes, further pension and salary cuts, the suspension on reduced pay of 30,000 public servants and the suspension of collective labour contracts.

Apple stores close for memorial

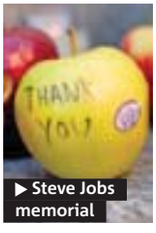
- **Private service held for Apple employees only**
- **Stores closed for several hours during the event**

Apple Inc.'s famous penchant for secrecy remained intact yesterday as the company's retail stores were curtained and employees were close-lipped about a private memorial service to celebrate the life of company co-founder Steve Jobs.

The service, announced to Apple employees in an email by CEO Tim Cook, took place at company headquarters in Cupertino. It was also being webcast to employees worldwide.

Apple planned to keep its stores closed for several hours so employees could watch the service. At stores across Northern California, white curtains were draped across the windows to block the view from outside.

Before services started at 10 a.m. PDT, sheriff's deputies directed traffic and employees streamed toward the company's outdoor amphitheatre. Media handlers kept reporters from getting too close to the scene and tried to prevent them from speaking with employees.



▶ Steve Jobs memorial

Music drifted across the campus from the service, and employees leaving the service who wouldn't give their names said singer Norah Jones and the British rock band Coldplay performed live. At the end of the service, employees said Coldplay front man Chris Martin told everyone to get back to work because that's what Steve Jobs would have wanted.

The mood at the service was festive, not sombre, employees said. Speakers reportedly included Cook, Apple's chief designer Jony Ive and former Vice-President Al Gore, who reminisced about their experiences with Steve Jobs and Apple. Jobs died Oct. 5 at age 56 after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Outside an Apple store in Manhattan, a sign read, "The Apple Store is temporarily closed. We'll reopen at 3 p.m." No reason was given. A few people were outside on a rainy and windy afternoon.

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Desperate deals for U.S. retailers

American retailers are so desperate this holiday season that they're willing to lose money to get you to spend yours.

Online jeweler Stauer is offering a $249 amethyst necklace for free — provided customers pay the $24.95 US it costs to ship it. Stauer will lose money on the deal, but it hopes to reel in new customers.

Not every retailer will go as far as giving away merchandise, but many will offer profit-busting incentives. It's a critical time of year. Merchants can make up to 40 per cent of their annual revenue in November and December.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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- 203.61 (11,849.5)	- 56.00¢ (98.02¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas**
- 2.24¢ US ($86.29 US)	$3.586 (+ 3.3¢)
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New ebook to stir market

The Canadian ebook company Kobo is getting into the crowded tablet market and beating a major competitor to the punch.

Orders are being taken for the Kobo Vox, a full-colour seven-inch tablet about the same size as the BlackBerry PlayBook. It's selling for about $200 and shipping starts on Oct. 28.

It's a Wi-Fi only device, runs on the Google Android operating system and has eight gigabytes of built-in storage, with the ability to add up to 32GB more. It runs for up to seven hours, with the Wi-Fi setting turned off.

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Netflix links to Android

Netflix has released a new version of its mobile app that allows video streaming on Android devices in Canada.

Netflix already had an app to watch movies and TV shows on iPads and iPhones in Canada, and the company now supports Android phones and tablets here.

A spokesman says the app supports the Android 2.2 and up and 3.x operating systems.

He would not say whether the company is working on a version for Research in Motion's BlackBerry PlayBook tablet. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO



This official statement was voted on and approved by the general assemblies of protesters from various Occupy movements across North America and the globe.

• We write so that all people who feel wronged by the powers-that-be can know that we are your allies. #OccupyWallStreet

• They have taken our houses through an illegal foreclosure process, leaving a man to sleep in a garbage can and a six-year-old boy (we think) to sleep outside in a nest. #OccupySesameStreet

• They have perpetuated inequality and discrimination in the workplace, based on age, sex and gender identity, even hiring undercover police officers based on how sexy they are. #Occupy21JumpStreet

"They have poisoned the food supply with chocolate-flavoured corn cereal bits and crunchy marshmallows. #CountChoccupy WallStreet"

• They have profited off the torture, confinement and cruel treatment of countless non-union actors. #OccupyElmStreet

• They have left us without jobs by outsourcin' and now we want to cut off their whatnots wi' a pair o' garden shears, us. #OccupyCoronationStreet

• They have made terrible sequels with impunity, yet continue to charge exorbitant prices for popcorn. #OccupyWallStreet2:MoneyNeverSleeps

• They have poisoned the food supply with chocolate-flavoured corn cereal bits and crunchy marshmallows. #CountChoccupyWallStreet

• They're ugly and they smell bad. Na na na ni NA na. #MockupyWallStreet

• They have influenced the courts to put people on trial for the socialistic ideals of handing out gifts for free. #Occupy34thStreet

• They have held students hostage through poor education, meaning their only path to validation is intense dance competitions — no spotlights, no springboards — on the mean streets of Baltimore. #OccupyStepUp2:TheStreets

• They have continuously sought to kick us when we hit the ground, born down in a dead man's town, we end up like a dog that's been beat too much, till we spend half our life just covering up. #OccupyEStreet

• They have turned away from the unconditional love of God and the healing redemption of Circle Square Ranch. #Occupy100HuntleyStreet

• They have purposely overcharged for noise-cancelling headphones that are just a renamed version of cheaper headphones, and sold us "long-lasting" gum that doesn't last very long at all. #OccupyStreetCents

• They have forced women to wear low-friction boards on their feet and push them down steep icy inclines. #OccupyPicaboStreet

• They have taken away columnists' right to peacefully assemble by making us move along unless we kowtow to capitalism by buying another coffee. #OccupyThatTableInTheStarbucksNearestTheElectrical Outlet

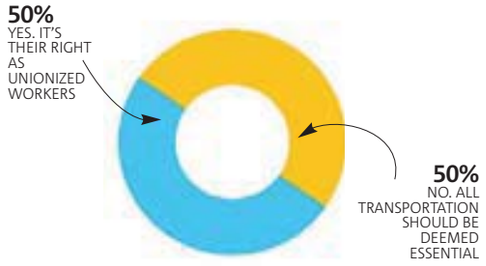
• Hey! Look over there! #PreOccupyWallStreet

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Should the Air Canada flight attendants be allowed to strike?



Local tweets

▶ **@cr788r:** Really fed up with #Halifax drivers! Please learn how to drive before you go on the road #aack

▶ **@MODAurbandining:** Smelling chocolate chip cookies baking every morning is just unfair... #businesslunch #halifax

▶ **@company13:** Mmmmm cherry coke from Pete's frootique in #halifax Soooo good #smallthings

▶ **@MattMoore7:** Ship building contract for #halifax? No one wonders why we're building military boats and not schools and hospitals? #CDNpropoganda

▶ **@HumaneHalifax:** In #Halifax, "staff" is an empowered non-elected force that remains anonymous.

▶ **@debeersdebates:** #occupy #halifax isn't working. No one I work with even knew there was a protest, let alone what it was about or where it was.

▶ **@nikkicomeau:** #ShipsStartHere = #Halifax, NS Gov, private sector and citizens working together to achieve a common goal. THAT'S something to be proud of!

Letters

RE: Tasering of 11-year-old boy was OK: Vancouver police chief, published Oct. 18 on metronews.ca

This is exactly why it isn't OK for police to investigate police.

There was never any doubt what the conclusion was going to be in this case. There is also no question that there are NO circumstances short of a loaded gun in plain sight that would make it acceptable for two 200-pound police officers to have to Taser an 11-year-old kid.

TERRY MCKINNEY
VANCOUVER B.C.

RE: Don't throw yourself in my backyard, published Oct. 17

Skydiving is considered a sport. Those who try it are considered daredevils, people who grab life by the collar and people who want to try new experiences.

Although community members' complaints of noise and fumes are understandable, it has now become a part of the culture of the area and it helps the economy with about 1,000 flights taking place each week.

MELANIE ZAKARIAN
TORONTO

photo of the day



▶ This photo titled Speeding was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by Kevin Backus from Edmonton.

Metro invites its readers to join the Metro Global Photo Challenge — running in 100 cities on four continents — to win fantastic prizes and worldwide recognition. Enter your digital photos at metrophotochallenge.com. The contest runs until Nov. 22. As well as a chance to win a trip to any city Metro publishes, one submission will also be featured here daily.

WEIRD NEWS

Occupying the porch

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▶ Zeus, a Maine Coon cat, encounters a mountain lion in Boulder, Colo.

Gail Loveman's 11-year-old cat named Zeus usually stands tall and hisses when he sees a squirrel outside his owner's home. He wasn't as much of a tough guy when the animal on the other side of the glass was a mountain lion.

Loveman tells The Denver Post the encounter lasted five minutes before the mountain lion wandered off from her house near Boulder, Colo.

Loveman says she was in her home office last Thursday when she heard a noise and turned to see the mountain lion on the porch.

Zeus entered the room and walked to the sliding glass door for a closer look while Loveman snapped photos.

Loveman went upstairs and spotted a second mountain lion. She says both jumped a fence and left.

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More than just music

Lavigne creating programs for kids with disabilities • Performing in Halifax tonight

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNA CONTER
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With a captive audience, today's pop stars have in their power the ability to bring attention to causes and ignite change.

Knowing with great power comes great responsibility, Canada's own Avril Lavigne is on her way to make the world better for kids living with disabilities.

Performing tonight at the Halifax Metro Centre at 8 p.m. as part of her Black Star tour, to promote her fourth studio album, Goodbye Lullaby, Lavigne is proving she's not just a pretty voice.

"I've worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and it was something that really touched me so I really wanted to give back," Lavigne said by phone.

Created in early 2010, The Avril Lavigne Foundation gives support to youth with disabilities.

"I'm getting it off the ground and creating after school programs for kids with disabilities," Lavigne says of her R.O.C.K. Stars. Respect, Opportunity, Choices, Knowledge, and Strength, the pillars on which Lavigne is bringing happiness back to kids who may have forgotten how to be kids.

Lavigne's maturity in her personal life has also allowed her to grow musically.

Stripped down to raw emotion with songs like Wish You Were Here, Lavigne says that this, her fourth album, is exposing her most vulnerable self.

"Experiencing life both personally and developing myself as an artist has made me stronger as a performer," she said.

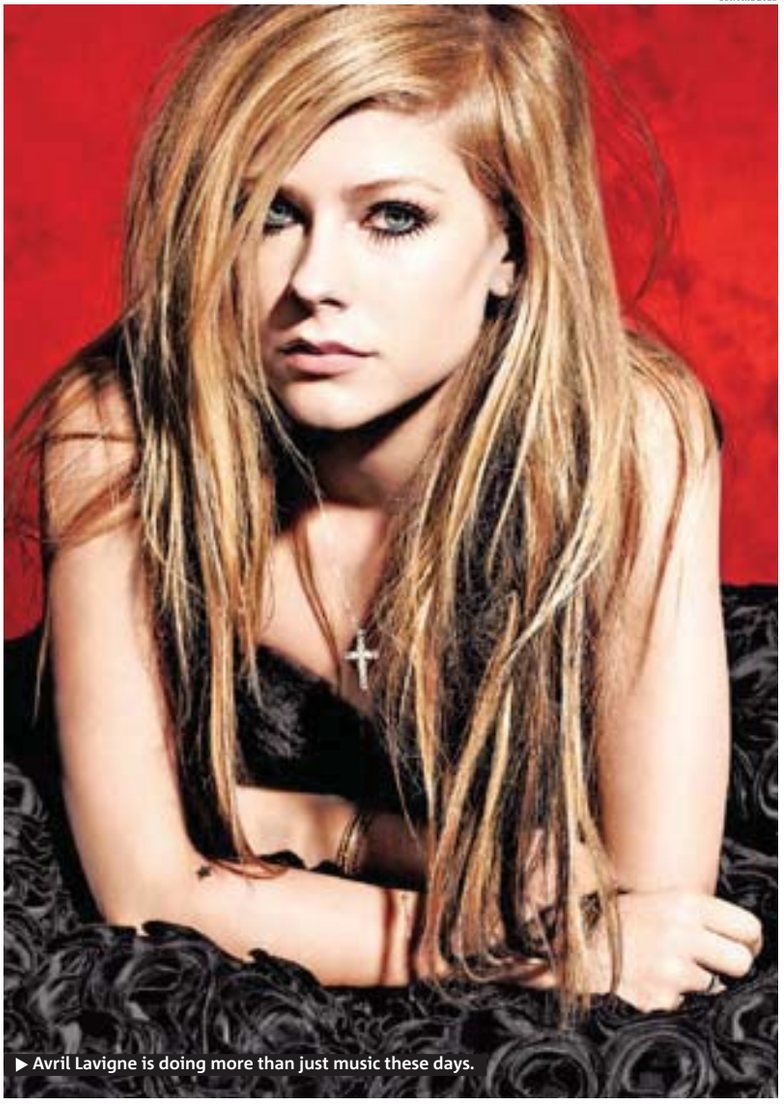
"I didn't want to keep making the same record and these songs have a different tone."

Brand power

She is multi-talented.

New revenue Philanthropist and entrepreneur, Avril Lavigne launched her clothing line, Abbey Dawn, in 2008. Designed by Lavigne, the line showed at the 2009 and 2011 New York fashion weeks. "I realized how much fashion was involved in my musical career," she said. Furthering her brand, Lavigne has created three perfumes: Black Star, Forbidden Rose and Wild Rose. "There is no fear and I am in control of everything. I've worked really hard to get to this position so I don't take it for granted."

CONTRIBUTED



▶ Avril Lavigne is doing more than just music these days.

2 scene

Oasis



Legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Paul Anka and former Oasis rocker Liam Gallagher will appear on Cover Me Canada this Sunday. CBC-TV says Anka will be a special guest judge as the four finalists sing the Ottawa native's time-honoured tunes.

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Reese Witherspoon shares sexy 'secret' about pal Jennifer Aniston at a Hollywood event

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James Boob?

Comedian Rowan Atkinson reprises his role as bumbling British agent Johnny English in new movie

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▶ Rowan Atkinson likens — but just a bit — Johnny English to the sillier James Bond movies from a decade ago.

Rowan Atkinson, the venerable British comic actor, is known as much for his bumbling, near-silent Mr. Bean as he is for the witheringly sarcastic Black Adder. He returns to theatres this year with another of his characters, the blundering, very un-Bond-like British spy Johnny English. Bolstered by a surprising second life on DVD for the first film as well as Daniel Craig's revitalization of the franchise it mocks, Atkinson is hoping his spy has staying power. And if overseas box office receipts are any indication, it does.

The film has already had some impressive success around the world.

Yes, thank you. When you hear you're the No. 1 movie in Malaysia and Hong Kong and Indonesia and all these other places you think, Well that's curious.

You know, these cultures about which I know absolutely nothing. Isn't it interesting that they can latch onto something like Johnny English Reborn and embrace it with as much enthusiasm as a British person would? Or Russia.

I went to Moscow for a premiere there. That was fascinating — partly in fact from watching myself dubbed into Russian. I thought I sounded slightly effeminate, but maybe that's how they see the British. It's probably some kind of Russian subtext. "Make sure the Brit looks a bit effete."

Given the success of Mr. Bean and Johnny English, do you find people expect you to be a bit more dimwitted in real life?

Dimwitted? I'm not aware of that (laughs). Maybe I disappoint them — either by not being dimwitted enough or being more dimwitted than they thought I was going to be.

Sometimes you get a sense of expectation of comedy, of a comic persona. When they discover that you're not Mr. Bean or anything like him, or even quite different — I hope — from Johnny English, as long as you can be polite and engaging, they might excuse you.

Getting chaired

One of the biggest laughs in Johnny English Reborn is also one of the simplest. During a tense briefing with the prime minister, Atkinson fails to control the raising and lowering of his office chair.

▶ "There are a number of things at play there," Atkinson says. "One is the simple contrast, really, between a very serious meeting between the prime minister and his intelligence advisors — including Johnny English — and the ludicrous ineptitude of someone who's not controlling their pneumatic chair. And yet no one seems to stop the meeting and say, 'Would you stop playing with that chair!'"

Where did the idea of revisiting Johnny English come from?

When the first Johnny English movie came out, people thought it was a bit cheap and cheerful.

A "yeah, OK, three good jokes but then what?" sort of thing.

And then it rather bizarrely established this reputation as a kind of DVD movie that children in particular can watch over and over and over again.

The second re-exploitation, as they say; the TV screenings and the DVD sales. And that's where Johnny English did surprisingly well.

And I guess that was a lot of the justification for making a sequel, from a commercial point of view.

And Bond has been having a resurgence.

Yes, exactly.

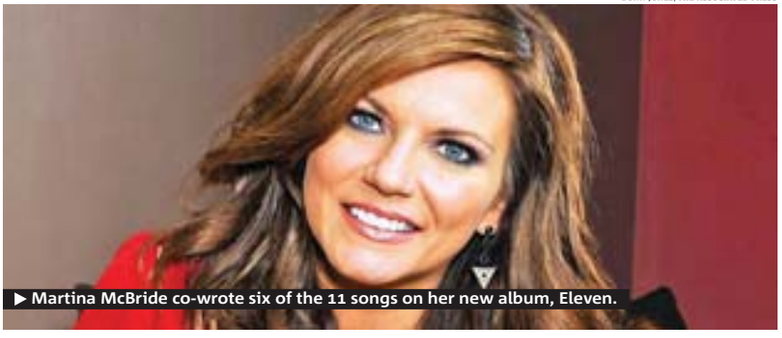
What's good, actually, about the Daniel Craig thing is not only is he good in the part but because they decided — I'm sure, quite rightly — to move it into a more serious vein, it kind of opened up the field a bit for us. Johnny English Reborn is probably a little more — although only a little — like a James Bond movie of 10 or 15 years ago, when you had more fun with it and more silly jokes.

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McBride gets makeover

Country star switches label, tackles writing her own songs

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▶ Martina McBride co-wrote six of the 11 songs on her new album, Eleven.

Martina McBride was looking for that spark you get when you know you've discovered your true match. The country music star found it in Scott Borchetta and his Big Machine Label Group.

McBride's new album, Eleven, is her first for Republic Nashville, ending a two-decade association with RCA that included 18 million in album sales. But at 45, she finds the switch invigorating, and it has pushed her in directions she never really considered before.

Those days with RCA, she says, were good ones and the split was amicable.

"But it's also good after that long being in one place, to be able to transition to a place that has people that are just super, super excited about you," McBride said. "Sometimes in a long relationship, there comes a time when you just need to shake it up a little bit, and this feels like the first days when I was at RCA. Everything feels brand new again, and that's really a great thing, especially this far into a career."

Borchetta was very interested when he learned McBride wanted to talk about joining his group, home to other tops stars like Taylor Swift, Reba McEntire and Rascal Flatts. And why not? She's one of country's veterans and remains one of its most lauded singers. She's up for female vocalist of the year next month at the Country Music Association Awards again, seeking a record fifth win in the category.

The label head thought there was more to McBride than the public generally sees, though. He encouraged her to write more songs for Eleven than she had on any of her previous 10 albums, and he also thought she should get out of town while recording.

McBride, who also hired new management and brought in new co-producer Byron Gallimore during this period, found the label's support liberating. It reinforced her growing confidence to tackle intimidating things like songwriting.

She co-wrote six of the 11 tracks. There was the lead single Teenage Daughters that arose from a disagreement with her oldest daughter. Long Distance Lullaby, about being away from home, also grew out of an idea about three daughters. And then there's Always Be This Way, loosely inspired by Train's Hey, Soul Sister and Jason Mraz's I'm Yours, which she wrote because she "just wanted to write something fun. I don't think I've ever made a record that had so much of my attention, especially since I had children," McBride said.

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Idol runner-up debuts album

Lauren Alaina to 'make it or break it' with record released last week

Lauren Alaina is growing up quickly.

The 16-year-old American Idol runner-up has spent the past four months since the show's season finale performing in arenas across the country, doing interviews, music video and photo shoots, and recording her debut album, Wildflower, released last week.

The former high school cheerleader is hoping the effort will help solidify her in the country music world, because she realizes the stakes are high.

"I feel like this first album is kind of make-it-or-break-it for me, because I just got off national television. So people know who I am, but they don't know who I am as an artist," said Lauren in a recent interview. "I just feel like this album is my way of kind of putting myself out there and showing them exactly who I am."

Billboard's associate director of charts, Keith Caulfield, believes Lauren is off to a good start. Her first single, Like My Mother Does, is in the Top 40.

"Even though she has Idol as this great platform to launch her, she's still a developing artist. You usually don't see Idol winners with their first single on the country charts fly to No. 1," he said.

"I think both her and (winner) Scotty (McCreery) are both in a really good position right now, because they're both young and they're both singing country music," he added, noting that the success of Taylor Swift has opened doors for young performers in the genre.

The 12 songs Lauren chose for Wildflower reveal experiences she's gone through or stories she relates to on a personal level. She co-wrote one track, called Funny Thing About Love, with Nashville songwriting talents Luke Laird and Brett James.

Lauren cut a song Carrie Underwood co-wrote, called Eighteen Inches. As a former American Idol winner, Underwood has provided meaningful support to Lauren. The two exchanged phone numbers, and Lauren asks her for advice when she gets upset. Recently, the Georgia native was feeling particularly homesick and reached out to Underwood.

"I just said, 'How do you deal with being away from your family for so long and just being gone all the time?' And she said, 'You have to think about all the positive stuff that's going on, because you have so much going for you right now. Your family will always be there.' Just hearing that from her, knowing that she had been through what I'm going through, just made me feel 10 times better," said Lauren.

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▶ American Idol runner-up Lauren Alaina.

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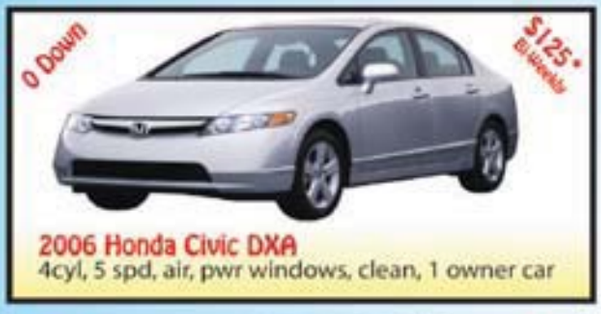
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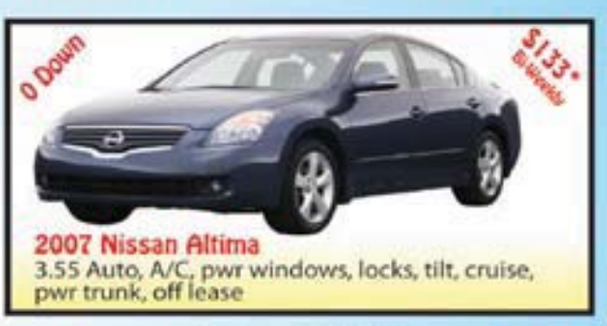
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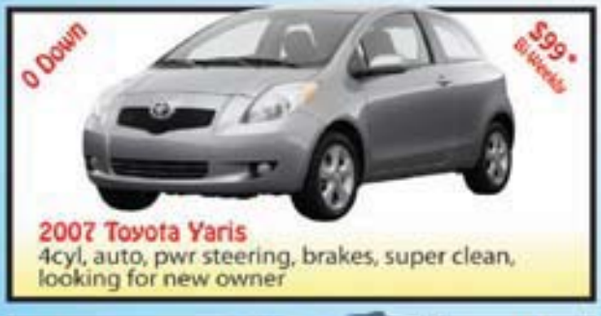
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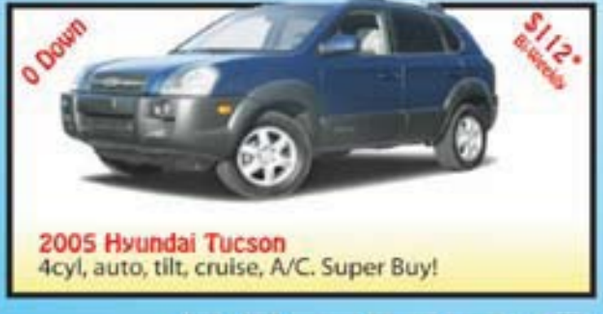
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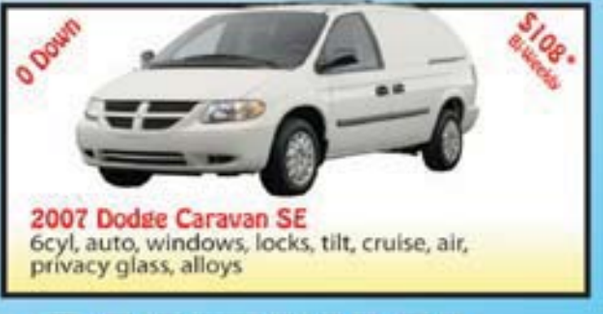
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Dee on marking tests

- "Just because I knew the question didn't mean I knew the answer, so I would just mark the smartest kid in my class ... and I'd mark his first and that would become my answer sheet.

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▶ As a teacher, Gerry Dee was afraid of teaching smart kids, because he wasn't able to answer their questions.

School's out for Gerry Dee

Comedian pulls plenty of material from his stint as a teacher

Canadian comedian Gerry Dee has a big year ahead of him, with his own sitcom set to launch on CBC-TV in January, as well as a cross-Canada tour and a planned DVD and book release.

While the former contestant of NBC's Last Comic Standing has plenty to boast about when it comes to his comedy career these days, there was a time when he was shy about his standup, he says, noting it was during his days as a high school teacher in Toronto.

"That was a real secretive thing at first," Dee, 42, said in a recent phone interview from his Toronto home, where he lives with his wife and two young children.

"I'm a fairly clean comic now; I was squeaky clean when I started because I would be so afraid that kids would show up, or parents. And I was teaching at a really reputable, private Catholic school. I also wasn't the type of person to swear in my regular life that much, and it wasn't like I was hiding anything, but I remember it being embarrassing that people started finding out."

Dee, who was born Gerard Donoghue, riffs on that part of his life in his current Life After Teaching Canadian tour and new DVD of the same name, which is slated for release in January.

He's also writing a book about his days in the classroom, with the working title Teaching: It's Harder Than It Looks and a release date of next October.

Dee's teaching days are also the basis of his sitcom, Mr. D, which is set to premiere Jan. 9 (at 8 p.m. ET) on CBC.

Filmed in July and August in Halifax, the 12-episode series sees Dee playing an exaggerated version of himself as a teacher, a career he held down for a decade until 2003.

Co-stars include Jonathan Torrens (Jonovision, Trailer Park Boys), Wes Williams (a.k.a. rapper Maestro), Mark Little of Picnicface, and Gemini Award winners Booth Savage and Bette MacDonald.

The show has "a bit of an edge to it" and has the look and feel of The Office, said Dee, who played Donny in Trailer Park Boys: The Movie and had a weekly sports segment on The Score network.

"It's primarily about my character, who is teaching subjects that he doesn't know, and is just trying to get through the day and pretend he knows and be (the students') buddy and be their friend."

Such was Dee's experience in real life, too.

With a degree in physical education, Dee found himself outside of his comfort zone when he first became a full-time teacher and had to cover the subjects of history and geography for three years.

"You have to understand, I was teaching Grade 12 history, and normally a teacher teaching Grade 12 history kind of embedded their lives in history and they read a lot and they took it in university — and I didn't," said the Toronto native, who also details the experience in his 2007 live concert DVD, No Reading Ahead.

"I was a good teacher, I was good at managing the class and discipline, but I didn't know the stuff so I just prayed kids didn't read ahead."

Dee recalls one kid in particular asking him about the ancient Mayan civilization.

"I didn't know what the Mayans were. I couldn't say that, though. I had to pretend I did (know) but I didn't want to tell him, I wanted him to figure it out. It was just a chance for me to go home and look it up myself," he recalled.

"It was just a vicious cycle of like, 'Oh God, smart kids.' When you don't know the subject, smart kids are not fun to teach."

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Probation breach lands Lohan in cuffs

Star taken into custody after judge finds her in violation of probation
Bail set at $100,000

Lindsay Lohan has been taken away in handcuffs after a judge found her in violation of her probation.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner revoked Lohan's probation Wednesday after the actress encountered problems during her community service assignment at a women's shelter. Bail has been set at $100,000. Sautner said Lohan would be entitled to a hearing before being sentenced to jail over the violation. Lohan has started serving hours with the American Red Cross, but Sautner said that would not count toward her probation because it was not part of her sentence. It's the latest legal problem for Lohan, who remains on probation for a 2007 drunken driving case and a misdemeanour theft case this year. METRO

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Jackman said no to Bond

Hugh Jackman says he was considered to take over the role of James Bond before it ultimately went to Daniel Craig. "I got a call from my agent saying, 'There is some possible interest in you for Bond. Are you interested?' At the time, I wasn't," Jackman says. "I was about to shoot X-Men 2, and Wolverine had become this thing in my life. I didn't want to be doing two such iconic characters at once." METRO



Celebrity tweets



"Jesus Christ, the 2 dudes who work at this EZ-LUBE are ALSO gorgeous. My car's getting fixed in an Abercrombie & Fitch catalogue."

@pattonoswalt



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"My favorite country songs are the ones about country songs."

@MarthaPlimpton

"People ask @AlecBaldwin about pizza a lot. That's all I'm saying."





3 life

She's got style in the bag

As Tiffany & Co. launches their new leather collection in Canada, designers Richard Lambertson and John Truex dish on what's involved in making a luxury handbag ◗ Some items in the collection go for as much as $21,200!

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Materials account for much of the cost, given that all the bags and wallets have leather exteriors and interiors. "With a lot of 'luxury' brands, you open up a bag and it's empty. It's fabric-lined with a zip pocket," says Truex.

The pair's designs were sent to craftsmen in Italy where the entire collection was made.

The star item has been this Tiffany Reversible Tote — a soft suede and metallic leather bag with palladium-plated solid brass hardware and a detachable zipper pouch.

All seams are double-stitched

Corners are riveted for protection

The designers travelled extensively to derive inspiration for their collection's rich saturated colours.

"Bags are very personal. A bag has to be functional and appropriate for the person who's carrying it."
DESIGNER RICHARD LAMBERTSON

Every item in the collection includes the iconic Tiffany shade of blue. The interiors of some of the purses are lined in the signature blue leather, while the reversible tote bears the slightest accent of the shade on the enamel of the hardware.

Bag mistake

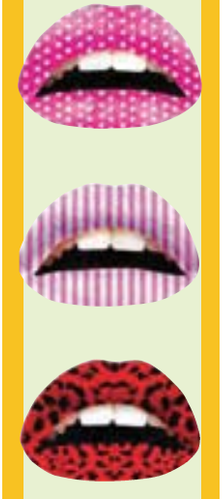
What do the designers deem the biggest mistake a woman can make when choosing a purse?

- "Women lug around too many things that are unnecessary," says Lambertson.
- "A mistake is wearing a huge tote when you're wearing a formal dress at a wedding," adds Truex. "It's like, come on! The bag is entering the room before you are. Check the bag at the door. I don't really like when accessories enter the room before the woman does."

Today's trend

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Violent Lip's temporary lip appliqués will allow you to wear on-trend graphics on your pout in Lady Gaga or Ke$ha style.



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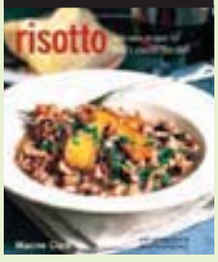
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Weekly Cookbook



Maxine Clark's collection, Risotto: Delicious Recipes for Italy's Classic Dish (Ryland, Peters & Small, 2011), features both popular favourites and lesser-known dishes. More than 50 recipes are included that incorporate vegetables; cheese and eggs; poultry and game; meat; sausage and bacon; fish and seafood; and more.

Among included recipes are: Duck Risotto with Spinach, Scallop & Spring Onion Risotto and more, including alternatives like Fried Rice Balls.

Wild rice gives risotto new texture

Recipe modernizes Italian classic • It also uses mushrooms & cheese for a burst of flavour

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Bursting with rich robust flavours of brown mushrooms and pecorino romano cheese, this risotto uses wild rice for a slightly different texture and flavour.

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▶ This recipe serves four.

Preparation:

1. In saucepan, heat stock to a simmer. Then in a separate large saucepan, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the butter and oil on high and cook until melted and bubbly. Add onion and cook until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add garlic and stir.
2. Add rice and stir to coat thoroughly. Add a pinch each of the salt and pepper. Pour wine over rice and cook for 2 minutes until some of the alcohol boils off.
3. Add 2 ladlefuls of hot stock to rice and stir well. Stir frequently as stock starts to boil off and rice begins to get soft. Add mushrooms.
4. Keep adding stock by ladleful, stirring every 2 minutes until all stock is absorbed and the rice is thoroughly cooked through. This will take about 30 to 40 minutes with brown rice. If you run out of stock, add a bit of hot water.
5. Add remaining butter, cheese and parsley; stir to combine. Divide equally among 4 plates.

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Ingredients:

- 1 L (4 cups) chicken or vegetable stock
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- Half an onion, finely diced
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 250 ml (1 cup) brown and wild rice mixture
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) sea salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) white wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) mixed baby mushrooms such as cremini, button and chanterelle
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) freshly grated pecorino romano cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chopped fresh parsley

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It's hard to find time to take on decorating projects at this time of the year, so I've compiled three simple decorating touches that you can do on a budget and in less than an afternoon.

Darker days, darker doors

Impress guests with some drama when they come through the front door by painting your front door a deep, luxurious colour.

The trend of a dark pronounced exterior door is coming back in style as dark colours add a sense of sophistication and importance to the front entry.

Choose a dark colour that is 'almost black' in its tone; dark purples, greens and navy blue top my list, and if by standing at the road it looks almost black, then you have the right tone!

Choose a high-gloss paint finish to add not only durability, but a glamourous sheen to the door. And while you are painting, why not wrap the colour around to the inside of the door? Adding that dark impact will do wonders to wake up your front foyer.

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▶ No headboard? No problem. Just pull out a brush and paint one on the wall.

Colour coding

Looking for an easy way to choose the right paint colour for the front door? Look at the colour of the body of the house and choose the opposite on the colour wheel.

For instance, if you have yellow-ish brick or siding then choose a purple colour; if you have orange brick choose a blue or green colour; if you have greenish siding then choose a burgundy-red colour. Opposites do attract!

Bedroom highs

Is the bedroom looking a little bare without a headboard?

Well, with a bit of paint, edging tape (try 3M's Edge-Lock blue Painter's Tape — it is new on the market and gives a crisp, clean edge to your paint job) and a level, you can create a faux headboard, which will add a focal point to your room.

For good proportions, measure the faux headboard six inches wider than your bed and at a height of around 52 inches (standard size).

To make the painted headboard blend into the room, choose a paint colour similar to the colour of your bedskirt or bed base.

When the paint is dry, lean some large pillows across the top of your mattress and you'll add a luxurious layered look to your bedroom.

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▶ Create drama by painting the inside and outside of your door a dark colour like purple, grey or navy.

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▶ Ensure a clean edge with professional painter's tape.

Art tricks

You can use the same paint-blocking trick to make artwork look larger. Artwork is often purchased for the subject matter or colours, but may not be the right proportion for the wall space you intend to use it on.

A simple way to make a small piece of art look larger or to tie together a collection of smaller pieces of art is to tape off an area slightly larger than the art, paint a block of colour and you'll visually grow the overall scale of your artwork larger.

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"This gives the client a superior product that is built in a controlled environment," says Cann.

Standard features of Maple Leaf homes include ice and water shield for the entire roof, 10 inch foundation walls, ceilings insulated to a rating of R50, custom home designs and turnkey packages. Maple Leaf Homes is also the only manufacturer of modular and mini homes that continues to use plywood on their floors and walls, in lieu of OSB (oriented strand board).

Recently, Patterson Sales completed a bungalow on Lakecrest Drive in Dartmouth. The home scored an Energuide rating of 94, which made it the highest Energuide-rated home in the province at the time of its completion.

"The home was net metered, meaning it supplied power back to the grid and only drew what it needed to run," says Cann.

The project was privately funded and local contractors donated time and materials to ensure the home could be sold at a reduced price. Cann will be modelling another home with a yet-to-be named local contractor in the near future. Patterson Sales' and Cann's intentions are to continue to model homes that are a good fit for the environment.

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McLean says many people think of their fireplace as a source of heat, but chances are it's taking more money up the chimney than Santa ever brings down. An open fireplace is just a big hole in your roof. Block it off with a fiberglass bat in a garbage bag and don't use it.

Attic hatches are another source of heat loss – make sure it's tightly sealed. McLean says the next relatively easy fix is to increase insulation.

"It's good savings for the amount of money you're spending and the rebates are actually really good," he says. "Usually when we talk about energy savings, we focus mainly on reducing the amount of heat loss, because usually about 60 to 65 per cent of energy consumed in the house is for space heating."

If you're buying new, get an energy audit from ENS on the house plans before shovels hit dirt. It can estimate what it will cost annually in energy bills. It can suggest beefing up insulation, installing better windows or going with a different heating system to maximize efficiency.

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Sue Rainville, the company's marketing director, offers the following easy tips to make your home physically fit for the winter cold:

WEATHERIZE: Seal up holes, weather-strip doors and insulate attic floors. When the fireplace is not in use, keep the damper closed tightly.

INSULATE: Don't just insulate the attic. Add insulation at the window with window fashions that have high energy ratings.

Duette Architella honeycomb shades provide superior energy efficiency. They have a patented construction consisting of a honeycomb nestled within a honeycomb. This creates three honeycomb pockets to trap the air. Certain Duette Architella shades can reduce heat loss through windows by up to 40 percent in winter.

IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN YOUR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS: Service and clean your gas or oil furnace at least once a year and change or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season. And, invest in a programmable thermostat that lets you set temperatures for different times of the day. Studies have shown that turning the heat down from 22 C to 18 C (72 F to 65 F) for at least eight hours a day can reduce heating bills by 10 per cent.

The popular notion that the higher you set your heater's thermostat, the faster your home will warm up is not true. In reality, it takes the same amount of time for the temperature to reach 21 C (70 F) whether the thermostat is set at 21 C or 32 C (70 F or 90 F). Setting the thermostat all the way up only increases your heating costs.

Also, remove air-conditioning units in the fall and winter because they invite drafts. Or, use an insulated jacket on the exterior.

WATCH YOUR WINDOWS: In winter, on the rare sunny day, open your window coverings to let in the solar heat, but be sure to close them at night. Hunter Douglas makes a solar energy sensor that can be mounted directly to the window pane to control motorized window fashions. In 'winter' mode, the sensor raises shades at the appropriate instance to allow solar energy into the room for warmth.

KEEP THE AIR CIRCULATING: In winter, don't block floor registers, baseboards or radiators with rugs, furniture or other items. If you have ceiling fans with a reverse setting, turn them on low and reverse when using a lot of heat. Warm air rises and often gets trapped near the ceiling; the reverse air flow from the fan will help circulate the warm air around the entire room.

Remember, a physically fit home is the best way to keep those energy bills in check.

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NEW RAIDERS QB CARSON PALMER. A DAY AFTER BEING TRADED FROM CINCINNATI, PALMER SHARED FIRST-TEAM SNAPS YESTERDAY WITH KYLE BOLLER. THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER PALMER CAN DO ENOUGH THIS WEEK TO EARN THE STARTING QUARTERBACK JOB IN PLACE OF THE INJURED JASON CAMPBELL.

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Hoping not to drop the ball

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▶ Saint Mary's running back Craig Leger, left, and defensive back Neil King on the field during the Huskies' early-season win over the Acadia Axemen.

Huskies head to Wolfville for big game vs. Axemen SMU win would clinch bye to AUS football final



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The Saint Mary's Huskies are ready to rumble — and not fumble.

The Huskies, who visit the Acadia Axemen on Saturday at 2 p.m. for the biggest matchup of the Atlantic University Sport football season, have fumbled 12 times, losing five of them, in back-to-back wins over the St. Francis Xavier X-Men the past two weeks.

The coaching staff, not wanting the bobbling to continue in a game that could decide who earns a bye to the AUS final, made the offence run extra suicide drills after this week's practices as punishment.

"It's really unacceptable that we do turn the ball over like that — our standards are way higher than that," said receiver Kevin Wuthrich. "To be where we want to be, we've got to have those. We mess up, we've got to own up about it. We've got to fix what's wrong."

The Huskies barely squeaked by the Axemen 8-3 in the only other meeting between the two teams in rainy conditions on Oct. 1. The two teams are tied atop the AUS standings with identical 5-1 records.

"They played us very, very well last time," said Huskies receiver Ryan Tremblay. "As of now, we're equal in terms of wins and losses, and it looks like we're playing for home-field advantage. It's almost like a playoff game."

Fourth-year quarterback Jack Creighton, back after quitting the team last season, led the team to both victories over St. F.X., going 31-of-45 for 509 yards and five touchdowns in relief of rookie Jesse Mills.

Wuthrich and Tremblay, the team's leading receivers, have been beneficiaries, combining for 14 catches, 231 yards and a touchdown. The passing attack has jumped to No. 1 in the conference in yardage.

"Jack's been playing excellent, there's no doubt about it," said Tremblay. "He's been in the league for a couple of years. He knows how to play the game, he knows how to make his reads, and he's a confident quarterback."

Oh, what a rush

Huskies running back Craig Leger continues his climb up Atlantic University Sport's all-time rushing list.

▶ The Truro native, in his fifth and final season, is seventh all-time with 2,416 yards and can pass Huskies alumnus Dean Jones for sixth spot with another 74 yards.

Sports in brief

Leduc still hot as Oceanic win

QMJHL. Peter Trainor scored the winning goal and the Rimouski Oceanic beat the Val-d'Or Foreurs 4-3 last night. Petr Straka, Jean-Francois Plante, with a short-handed goal, and Jerome Gauthier-Leduc also scored for the Oceanic.

Leduc leads all QMJHL defencemen in scoring and is tied for fourth among all skaters with 10 goals and 13 assists in 10 games.

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Injury sidelines Devils' Brodeur

NHL. New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur will miss seven to 10 days with an injury to his right shoulder. He was hurt last Thursday making a save in the first period against the Los Angeles Kings.

The Devils said no surgery is planned.

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Gold for Canada in badminton

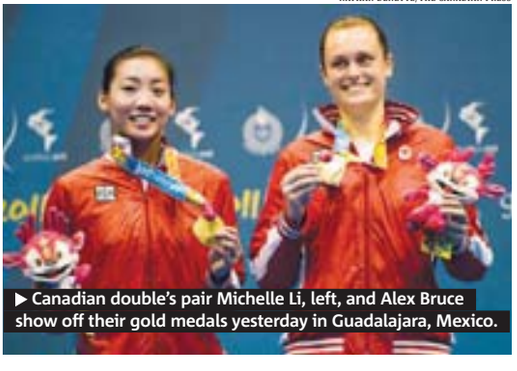
Canada has added to its gold-medal haul at the Pan American Games.

Michelle Li of Markham, Ont., and Toronto's Alexandra Bruce defeated Americans Iris and Rena Wang 21-15, 21-15 in women's doubles badminton yesterday.

Toronto's Joycelyn Ko and Calgary's Grace Gao received their bronze medals after dropping semifinal matches a day earlier.

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▶ Canadian double's pair Michelle Li, left, and Alex Bruce show off their gold medals yesterday in Guadalajara, Mexico.

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▶ Flyers goalie Ilya Bryzgalov deflects a shot on goal.

Goalie pickups are paying off

Philly's Ilya Bryzgalov, Washington's Tomas Vokoun meeting lofty expectations so far this season

Ilya Bryzgalov wanted a hefty contract from a team that would contend for a Stanley Cup.

The Flyers granted the goalie's wish.

Tomas Vokoun wanted the same thing, big money from a team no longer mired in the second division. He got the second part when he signed with Washington. That high-priced contract, by NHL standards, will have to wait until next summer.

Two weeks into the season, the premier goalies have made the bold off-season choices pay off.

Vokoun is 4-0 and posted his 45th career shutout Tuesday night in a 3-0 win over Florida Panthers that kept the Capitals undefeated. Bryzgalov is 3-0-1 and had the first shutout for a Flyers goalie since April 2010.

They go head-to-head tonight in Philadelphia in a matchup between two Eastern Conference teams that expect to play deep into the post-season. Both goalies are expected in net for a showdown that could tame prolific goal scorers such as Washington's Alex Ovechkin and Philadelphia's Claude Giroux.

"Some people have to wait until they're older, some people get to win a Cup when they're really young and never do it again. So you want to make sure if you have a chance, you do everything to prepare."

TOMAS VOKOUN, WHO IS 35 AND LOOKING TO WIN HIS FIRST CUP

One goal could be enough to win.

Vokoun is playing what could be his only season in Washington under the pressure of playing like a Vezina Trophy winner for a Stanley Cup contender so that he can cash in next summer on a potential lucrative, multi-year contract.

Although Bryzgalov was quickly targeted by Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren, Vokoun found the demand for a two-time all-star was almost non-existent. So he told the Capitals he'd forego a top-shelf contract to play for a Stanley Cup contender, with the idea that he'd have another stellar season and take his chances on the market again next summer.

The Capitals and general manager George McPhee bit, signing him to a bargain one-year deal worth $1.5 million US.

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Kessel stays hot as Leafs rally to beat Jets

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TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	
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Phil Kessel is carrying the Toronto Maple Leafs on his back.

The red-hot forward had a goal and two assists last night as the Maple Leafs erased a two-goal deficit in the third period and beat the Winnipeg Jets 4-3 in a shootout.

Kessel extended his NHL lead in both goals and points on a night where Toronto appeared headed for its first regulation loss of the season until a late rally. He has seven goals and 12 points through five games.

About the only thing Kessel couldn't do was score in the shootout, but teammates Joffrey Lupul and Matt Frattin made sure it didn't matter by each beating Ondrej Pavelec during the tiebreaker.

Lupul added two goals in regulation for Toronto (4-0-1), which starts its first road trip of the season in Boston on Thursday night.

Mark Scheifele, with his first NHL goal, Tobias Enstrom and Alexander Burmistrov replied for Winnipeg (1-3-1).

The home team put on an ugly performance through 40 minutes, registering just 12 shots while getting serenaded with boos during disorganized stretches with the man advantage.

That changed quickly with power-play goals just 27 seconds apart early in the third period. Lupul's shot deflected off Enstrom's stick and past Pavelec at 7:28 before Kessel one-timed a Dion Phaneuf pass home to tie the game 3-3 at 7:55.

He leapt into the arms of teammates as the Air Canada Centre came alive.

Toronto has received almost all of its offence from the first line of Kessel, Lupul and Tyler Bozak while earning nine of a possible 10 points to start the season.

It began as a promising night for Winnipeg in its first visit to a Canadian city. A number of fans turned up wearing Jets sweaters and the Leafs rolled out the welcome mat with a scoreboard tribute during a stoppage in play early in the first period. In-game announcer Andy Frost, who was born and raised in Winnipeg, voiced the minute-long video and fans responded with a standing ovation.

Shortly after, Enstrom made it 1-0 with Winnipeg's first power-play goal of the season. He fired a shot through all kinds of traffic that eluded James Reimer at 9:49.

Lupul tied it up less than two minutes later with a one-timer that shattered the lens of the in-goal camera.

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▶ Allen Craig knocks in last night's game-winning run.

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Pinch-hitter Allen Craig singled in the go-ahead run off reliever Alexi Ogando in the sixth inning with a sinking line drive that dropped just in front of right-fielder Nelson Cruz, and the Cardinals beat the Texas Rangers 3-2 last night in Game 1 of the World Series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA talks head into third-straight day

Two sides met for more than 24 hours in 32-hour span in bid to end lockout with aid of mediator

After another long day of negotiations, NBA players and owners hammered out plans for another meeting.

That's not the deal Commissioner David Stern wanted, but it's better than the cancellations that could have come if talks fall through.

Both sides seemed to have plenty to talk about. After an eight-hour meeting yesterday, federal mediator George Cohen said they would resume bargaining this afternoon.

"Everyone is extremely focused on the core issues, the difficult issues that confront them," Cohen said.

53 Each side has formally proposed receiving 53 per cent of basketball-related income. The players got 57 per cent under the old deal.

Talks broke for the night so owners could attend meetings at another hotel. Stern left after seven hours for a presentation on revenue sharing by the owners' planning committee.

The sides have been divided over two main issues, the division of revenues and the structure of the salary cap system.

League officials originally said they wouldn't be available for negotiating yesterday or today because of their board meetings. Stern wanted to bring a deal to them, saying even the Christmas games could be in jeopardy of cancellation without an agreement Tuesday.

Instead, owners will meet with players again today after their board meeting, the first time during the 111-day lockout they have bargained on three consecutive days.

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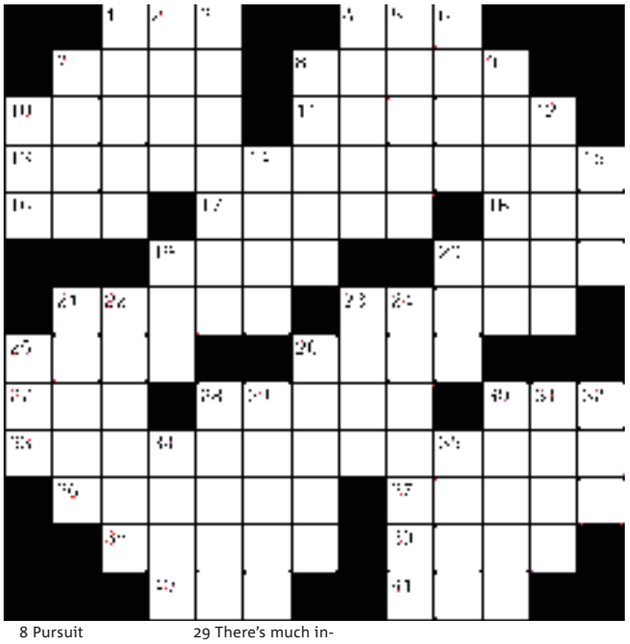
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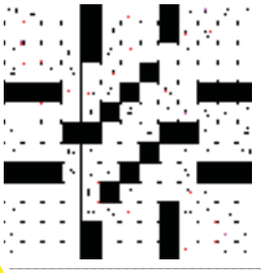
Across

1 Aries
4 English channel?
7 Wash
8 Shroud of concealment
10 Resided
11 "Yay!"
13 2004 Green Day album
16 Lair
17 Expenses
18 Old French coin
19 Lion's crowning glory
20 Encounter
21 Gets better
23 Tote
25 Frog's cousin
26 "Desire Under the —"
27 Ph. bk. data
28 Khartoum's country
30 "Wham!"
33 Unimpeachable information
36 100 per cent, as an effort
37 Dieter's lunch
38 Speaks unclearly
39 Pastoral piece
40 Pigs' home
41 Cleo's slayer

Down

1 "Nevermore" sayer
2 Assert
3 Doctor-related
4 Pulling no punches
5 Foe of Bullwinkle
6 Hallmark offering
7 Citrus fruit
8 Pursuit
9 Bygone German leader
10 Young fellow
12 Nonsense
14 Swindles
15 Boy king of Egypt
19 Frenzied
20 "— Doubtfire"
21 Uproar
22 Atelier supports
23 Dressed
24 Memory loss
25 Stick with a kick
26 Tends texts
28 Nose
29 There's much interest in it
30 Sea anemone, e.g.
31 October birthstone
32 Marry
34 Troubles
35 June honorees

▶ Tuesday's answer



Sudoku

1			3	2				9
	7					1	4	
	3			1	6			5
					3			2
		8				6		
7			4					
4			8	3			2	
	5	2					9	
6				5	7			4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	5	8	1	4	3	2	7	9
7	4	1	2	6	9	3	8	5
9	2	3	5	7	8	6	4	1
4	8	9	3	1	7	5	6	2
2	3	6	8	5	4	1	9	7
1	7	5	9	2	6	4	3	8
3	9	2	6	8	1	7	5	4
8	1	4	7	3	5	9	2	6
5	6	7	4	9	2	8	1	3

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My Lovely Princess Missing those big blue beautiful eyes n smile of yours. Looking forward for big birthday party in less than two weeks. Keep your head up n don't forget to smile. :):) haha..LOL **PC**

Pablo, We kinda talked in gr.9 but it was in Eng 10 when we really got to know each other and we never looked back. Its been over two years since we have been together & they have been amazing. It just sucks that I can't see you everyday like I use to since I'm in college and you are in high school but always remember one thing, "I L word you." **BOB**



Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Someone in a position of authority can threaten or bribe you, but you won't lose sight of your principles.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You would be wise to watch your back over the next 24 hours. According to the planets, a rival is plotting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may not want to give up on a project but you have no choice. It would take cash to keep going.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Deep down, you know what must be done but you seem to be waiting for a sign. Trust your gut instead.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be tempted to hold out for a better offer but that may not be such a good idea. Seal the deal.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you believe things will go badly, they may. You'll feel better when the Sun changes signs this weekend.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The best way to deal with someone who refuses to see sense is to let him or her go. He or she will learn.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 In a matter of days, you will confound your critics and do something extraordinary.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Give others the impression that you don't really care whether you win or lose — then strike.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't dwell on your failures. You can't change the past so why waste time thinking about it?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something seems to be bothering you deeply and your rivals have picked up on the scent of your fear.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Why are you trying to live up to an unture image? Don't try to be someone else. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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